

# Chevy Chase Village

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### Tentative Agenda

Board of Managers' Meeting

Chevy Chase Village Hall

Monday, September 10, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, September 7.

October Appeal Deadline: 9/24 at 5:00 p.m.

### Approval of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Appeals

14 West Irving Street

Old Business

New Business

Chairman's Report

Manager's Report

Police Report

Building Permits/Code Enforcement

### Mark Your Calendar &

See the Enclosed Flyers

Week of September 10: Fall Classes Begin

October 10: Daytime Flu/Pneumonia Clinic

October 10: CPR Class

October 17: Evening Flu/Pneumonia Clinic

Article Deadline for October CRIER: 9/24.

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### Building Regulations Survey Results

Thanks to everyone who responded to the Building Regulations Survey! Nearly half of all Village households returned their survey forms and complete results are posted on the web-site at [ccvillage.org](http://ccvillage.org) under "Important Topics." The Village office has hardcopies available if that is what you prefer.

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### Building Permit Applications – Improved Coordination with Montgomery County

Since 1998 when 320 Village homes on either side of Connecticut Avenue were designated as historic resources by Montgomery County's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), both Village and HPC staff have continuously improved procedures for information exchange and coordination on proposed building projects. In the past six months, the Village and Montgomery County's Department of Permitting Services (DPS) have made major strides in improving coordination and information exchange to mirror practices now in place with the HPC.

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### Village Environmental Committee – Call for Volunteers

Beginning last spring, the Village Board of Managers took up discussion of finding ways in which both Village residents and the Village government could be more proactive in identifying and adopting environmentally friendly practices. The appropriateness of "going Green" has never been in doubt and the current discussions are focused on putting in place a group of Village resident volunteers to generate, evaluate and communicate practical measures ranging from those that Village residents may adopt voluntarily at home to programmatic activities the Village government may implement as institutional policy.

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Rent the Village Hall  
for your next event!

Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers' Meeting, 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall  
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# In The Village

## Village Street Trees

Our precious street trees could use your help. The continuing drought has put a strain on all Village trees. While our Public Works Department refills tree gators on young trees regularly, the bigger, more mature trees, could use your help in getting a drink. Please help us out by watering the street trees in front of your home once-a-week.

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The Village-wide survey was part three of the community outreach program Winter & Company is using to shape recommendations the firm will make to the Board of Managers on additions and/or modifications to the current Village Building Code. Community input was gathered through two rounds of Workshops and Open Houses in April and then again in May. Based upon feedback gathered from these group meetings, Mr. Nore Winter and his staff developed a preliminary strategy report which was discussed by the Board at the June 11 Board meeting. A copy of this preliminary strategy report remains available for your review on the Village website. Within the preliminary report, Mr. Winter summarized both findings from the group meetings and candidate regulatory tools the Board may choose to consider.

The Building Regulations Survey was distributed by postal delivery to every household beginning on July 5. Winter & Company received verbatim transcripts of all written comments together with tabulated results for checkbox responses on August 16. Since August 16, the firm's aim has focused on developing its Final Strategy Report of prioritized regulatory tools available to the Board. An advance copy of this Strategy Report is scheduled for receipt by the Village office on or about September 5. It will be posted on the Village website for all residents to review in advance of the Board of Managers regular meeting on Monday night the 10<sup>th</sup>.

All residents are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Mr. Winter will be present to discuss the Strategy Report with both the Board and Village residents. The discussion will include attention to the next steps. Please contact the Village office with any questions about the survey results, the Final Strategy Report or the Board meeting agenda.

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Improvements are the result of DPS' agreement to make issuance of its own permits dependent on confirmation that applicants for projects with Village addresses are fully aware of Village permit requirements. Benefits to our residents include the elimination of 1) potential costly delays for project redesign to comply with the Village Building Code or, 2) in extreme cases, municipal citations for work begun without proper Village permits.

The new policy and internal procedures demonstrate a significant improvement in the County's approach to working with the many regional municipalities. Virtually all Montgomery municipalities are now coordinating with DPS in the same way. Please contact the Village office for additional information.

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There will be a first meeting of volunteers on Tuesday evening, September 25 @ 7:30 at the Village Hall. A schedule for additional meetings will be set during this first one. Please contact Mr. Larry Heilman of 46 Grafton Street if you are interested in attending. All volunteers are welcome and much of the group's early efforts will be concerned with identifying what the problems, priorities and opportunities are; what can reasonably be done by households individually and small communities collectively; and soliciting ideas both from across the region and our neighboring communities.

## Many Hands, Inc. Kick-off Meeting

All Village residents are invited to an informational meeting about Many Hands, Inc., a local non-profit founded three years ago by several Village residents. Many Hands brings people together who want to maximize their giving impact to benefit undeserved women and children in the DC metro area. Hear about their \$100,000 grant in 2006 to the Young Women's Project in Washington, DC. Find out how you can get involved in Many Hands. Together we can make a difference. Please call Village residents Noni Lindahl at (301) 656-1966 or Sydney Bath at (301) 654-3123 with any questions.

# In The Village

## Police Re-Accreditation

Begun in 1996, the Chevy Chase Village Police Department maintains a continuous commitment to thorough self-evaluation punctuated every three years by an exacting review by a team of independent assessors. It was in that year that Chief Roy Gordon first came to the Village as a Sergeant. His long-term assignment was to achieve the Village's first-ever accreditation by CALEA (Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies). Two years later, the Police Department won CALEA's approval bringing the Village Police corps into professional parity with peers in the neighboring police departments for Montgomery County, Gaithersburg, Rockville and Takoma Park. This summer, our Village Police Department was awarded its third consecutive CALEA re-accreditation.

While the accreditation achieved this summer is good for a three-year period, work on success in the next cycle has already commenced. Our evaluation in 2010 will be more demanding due to revisions in CALEA procedures becoming effective this year. All police agencies of our size (Category "A" with 24 or fewer officers) are now expected to comply with "5<sup>th</sup> Edition" standards. Time thresholds for compliance with the updated standards by larger agencies ("B" - 25 to 49 officers, and "C" - 50 to 249 officers, and "D" - over 250 officers) kicked-in in previous years.

## WSSC Sewer Study – Field Inspections Complete; Report Writing In Process

Late last spring, WSSC consultants were tasked by WSSC management to take a fresh look at developing a long-term solution aimed at stopping sewer backups that have become increasingly costly to many Village residents. Unlike the common clogged pipe most homeowners would deal with effectively by a call to the local plumber, the sewer backups targeted by this effort are the result of just too much extra water during heavy rain events. Most of the homes seriously affected are located on the Village's far west side near Wisconsin Avenue and previous fixes proposed by WSSC engineers have been ineffective in dealing with this recurring problem.

This summer, the consultants executed a house-by-house field inspection of all Village homes from

Brookville Road to Wisconsin Avenue. The objective was to identify all points where rainwater may enter the sewer system and the square footage of the nearby ground or associated roof that could deliver rainwater to that entry point.

The inspection went well. The engineers got the data they needed and are now developing their report for WSSC senior management. Consistent with earlier assertions by the consultants, feedback during this report-writing phase indicates their focus remains on recommendations to increase the sewer system capacity – by adding more pipes, bigger pipes, or both in the area closest to Wisconsin Avenue. It will also recommend rearranging certain pipes in the Oliver/Grafton corridor to eliminate unnecessary turns and junctions that reduce flow rates.

The final report will be available in late September and a follow-up article should run in the October or November *Crier* to relay information on the next steps and, hopefully, when a construction phase might begin.

## Speed Camera Update

In 2006, the Maryland Legislature passed House Bill 443 authorizing police departments in Montgomery County to enforce traffic speed laws with the aid of photo-radar speed detection devices – Speed Cameras. This past spring, the Montgomery County Police Department took the lead on contracting with a supplier for both the cameras (mounted in mini-vans, contained in wheeled-carts and installed on fixed-poles) and technical support. Under terms identical to the County's contract, the Village also contracted with the County's selected vendor for two fixed-pole units to be located on Connecticut Avenue and two wheeled-cart cameras to be rotated around the Village residential streets.

Camera hardware deliveries are imminent. Wheeled-cart units will go into service immediately while installation of the fixed-pole units on Connecticut Avenue will take a few weeks to execute by professional installers. Maryland law regulating these cameras restricts the issuance of the program's \$40 citations to only vehicles recorded traveling in excess of 10 mph over the posted speed limit. Citations do not affect insurance rates and no points are assigned to any driver.



# The Village Hall

## Two Flu & Pneumonia Vaccine Clinics

The Village will host its annual flu and pneumonia vaccine clinic twice in the Village Hall this year.

**Wednesday, October 10**  
**9:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m.**

**and**

**Wednesday, October 17**  
**2:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m.**

See the enclosed flyer and the Village website for additional information.

## Building Facilities Commission

The Building Facilities Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Hall. Their next meeting will be held on Monday, September 10. All residents are invited to attend.

## Fall Class Session Begins

Classes resume in the Village Hall the week of Monday, September 10. Flyers were mailed to all residents in August. See the enclosed flyer for schedule changes.

Additional enrollment forms are available in the Village office and on the Village website by clicking on "Village Hall".

## Administrative Office Closed on Labor Day

The Village Administrative Office will be closed on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day.

The Communications Center and Police Department remains open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## Toddler Group

The Group meets Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Village Hall or at the Oliver Street Park whenever weather permits. Check the Village Listserve on Mondays to see where they will be meeting.

Contact either Kristen Best at (202) 460-1256 or Lesley McNamara at (301) 718-8383 with questions or for additional information.

## CPR Class

Wednesday, October 10, 2007  
7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Village Hall

\$40 per person. Training materials provided. A two-year certificate issued upon course completion. Adults and children welcome. Minimum 10 students required to hold class. See the enclosed flyer for details.

## Board Actions - July 9, 2007

### Board of Managers' Meeting

**Minutes:** June 11, 2007 Meeting and the June 21, 2007 Special Meeting: Both Approved.

#### **Appeals: W-1/A-5256—104 Newlands Street:**

(a) Demolition of an existing main residence; (b) demolition of an existing detached garage located in the east side yard of the property—Approved.

**W-2—5700 Kirkside Drive:** Request for a waiver from the application of the moratorium on the issuance of building permits for additions to their main residence which would result in an increase in the total footprint in excess of 500 square feet—the addition would result in a total additional increase in footprint of 584 square feet located in the Park Street front yard and extending along the west side yard of the property—Approved.

**A-1626—5700 Kirkside Drive:** Removal of one Hemlock tree measuring 14.0-inches in diameter located in the rear yard of the property—Approved.

**Old Business: Resolution No. 07-02-07:** An ordinance to restrict the parking of motor vehicles in certain locations on West Lenox Street and Laurel Parkway—Approved.

**Village Donation Policy—**The Board approved a Village donation policy (copies of which are available in the Village office and on the website).

**Contract Award—**A contract was awarded to *Cheshire Consulting Group, LLC* to provide an organizational review and staff assessment of the Village government.

**New Business: Donation Request - Rosemary Hills Primary School—**The Board authorized the contribution of \$5,000 to the Rosemary Hills Primary School to replace the current playground equipment—Approved.

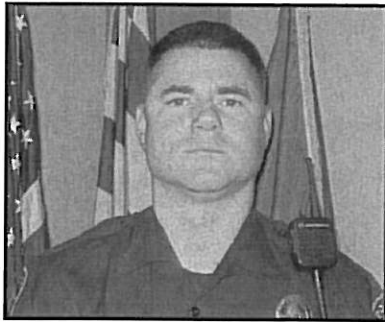
**Resolution No. 07-01-07:** Speed Camera Revenue Accounts—Approved.

*This is a synopsis of the Board's actions.  
To view an archive of the complete approved minutes from the Board's meetings, please visit the Village website at [www.ccvillage.org](http://www.ccvillage.org) and click on "The Board of Managers".*

# The Police Beat

To e-mail Police Chief Roy Gordon: [roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov)

## New Officer Joins the Village Police



Officer James Timmerman joined the Chevy Chase Village Police Department on June 27, 2007.

Officer Timmerman's previous experience include a brief period as a

Police Officer with the Montgomery County Police Department after graduating 11 out of a class of 50 from the Montgomery County Public Services Training Academy. His other previous experience includes a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Montgomery College.

Officer Timmerman married the former Gemma Walker on July 21, 2007. They currently reside in Germantown, Maryland. In his spare time, James enjoys competitive sports, specifically softball, and motorcycle riding.

We welcome James to the Village!

## Lost Keys

Are these your keys? Keys belong to a Mercedes. Please contact the Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 to make arrangements to



pick up your keys. The keys will be kept in the Village Police Property Room for 120 days and then disposed of according to Department policy.

**Welcome Back!** Please remember to collect your mail/packages from the Communications Center, which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## Back to School Safety Tips for Parents and Children



It's that time of year. Summer has ended and children are headed out for another year of school. In order to ensure your child's safety, please remember these important safety tips.

### Bus Stop Safety

Parents, whose children ride the bus to school, should take an active role in ensuring that children are transported to and from school safely and promptly, and that discipline and safety are maintained at bus stops.

Please check the times, locations, and route numbers for your child. Make note of any schedule changes which have been implemented for this year. Route numbers are displayed on the side window of each bus.

Drivers should remember that failure to yield to a stopped school bus that is operating alternately flashing red lights comes with a \$555.00 fine and carries a minimum of three points. Village officers have increased patrol of school bus stops to catch violators.

Numerous news articles at the end of the 2004-2005 school year documented the growing problem of speeding and reckless school bus drivers. If you have a concern regarding the operation of a Montgomery County school bus, please contact the MCPS transportation office at (301) 840-8130 or the Safe Schools Hotline (301) 517-5995.

### Bicycle and Walking Safety Tips

Students, who ride bicycles or walk to school, should follow some simple guidelines for safety:

- Always wear a helmet while riding a bike. County law requires that all children ages 17 and under wear a helmet while riding or being carried on a bicycle.
- Be cautious of vehicles and pedestrians, especially at intersections. Obey traffic signals and signs at all times.
- Walk or ride to school with a partner.
- Where available, students should always use sidewalks.

# Community News

## **Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights (CCCFH)—Resident Involvement Invited**

For years, the CCCFH has served as a credible and potent forum for municipalities like the Village, homeowner associations and citizen groups alike to consolidate their opinions on development issues affecting its member communities and to communicate its concerns directly to the Montgomery County Executive, The County Council and the Planning Board. The CCCFH was instrumental in rallying resident opinion as the Friendship Heights development plans took shape in the mid-1990s.

While development in Friendship Heights is winding down, the CCCFH remains active on myriad matters and is always looking for new participants. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Geoff Biddle, the Village Manager, for additional information.

## **Chevy Chase Community Library September 2007**

The Chevy Chase Library is located at 8005 Connecticut Avenue. All programs are free, but may require a ticket and/or registration. For further information or for reservations, contact the library at (240) 773-9590.

A full listing of library events can be found at:  
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Content/Libraries/index.asp>.

## **MVA on Wheels**

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's mobile service will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center on Monday, September 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For further information, go on the MVA website at: [www.mva.state.md.us/location/montcty.htm](http://www.mva.state.md.us/location/montcty.htm) or call the MVA at (800) 950-1682, ext. 2.

## **July 4th Parade to the Park a Success!**

The Parade was another huge success with both the young and the young at heart in attendance.

Special thanks to Kyle Bruun, Evan Corrigan, Katy Marra and Neal Schaufelberger who assisted with the distribution of popcorn, cotton candy and Italian ice and,

as always, to the Village Public Works staff, all of whom were key to the event's success.

Administrative Assistant Doris Lyerly, who coordinates this annual event, introduced a new highlight to the festivities this year: a dunk tank, which featured the Village Manager Geoffrey Biddle, Terrance Lesesne (grandson of Director of Public Works Jerry Lesesne), and several Village kids. The dunk tank was a big hit, especially by those who were able to take a dip and cool off. Kudos to Ms. Lyerly for this fun addition to the day's activities.

Photos from this year's event are available on the Village website.

## **Ellen's Run Sunday, October 7, 2007, 5K Run/Walk, Kids' Fun Run & Brunch**

Once again, Ellen's Run is being held to remember our dear friend and neighbor Ellen Vala Schneider, whose involvement in our community touched and inspired so many. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Community Scholarship Fund and the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County. Over 600 individuals participated in the first Ellen's Run, LAST FALL. We hope that you will be able to join us again this year and bring your family, friends and neighbors. The race will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Candy Cane City. Dogs on leashes welcome.

**Be a Sponsor.** We are currently seeking sponsors for the event. There are opportunities for businesses and for friends and family members to support the event this year. Email Liz Appelbaum at [pliz@verizon.net](mailto:pliz@verizon.net) or Carole Brand at [csbrand@verizon.net](mailto:csbrand@verizon.net) to become a sponsor or donor. **Volunteer.** Volunteers are always welcome to help with planning and at the actual event. Please contact Pam Feinstein at [feinstep@aol.com](mailto:feinstep@aol.com) or (301) 907-8223 if you are interested in helping now or on October 7.

**More Information.** Learn more about the race at [www.ellensrunonline.org](http://www.ellensrunonline.org). Registration forms are available online. If you would like a form mailed to you, please contact Pam Feinstein at [feinstep@aol.com](mailto:feinstep@aol.com) or (301) 907-8223.

## Public Works Department/Trash Schedule

Resident input regarding the contracted services for trash and recycling collection is an important factor during the evaluation of these services. Please report missed services to the Communications Center. Please leave your gates unlocked to allow access to your refuse.

Special pickups of bulk items are collected on Wednesdays. Requests must be submitted either by phone or via the Village website by 2:00 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure collection.

Trash and recycling schedule change. There will be no **trash** collection on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day. Monday's collection will be collected on Tuesday; Tuesday's collection will be collected on Wednesday; Wednesday's collection will be collected on Thursday; Thursday's collection will be collected on Friday; and Friday's collection will be collected on Saturday.

**Recycling** collection for homes WEST of Connecticut Avenue will be on Thursday, September 6. **Recycling** collection for homes EAST of Connecticut Avenue will be on Friday, September 7.

Special pickups will be collected on their regularly scheduled day, Wednesday, September 5.

## Building Permits Issued by the Village Manager July/August 2007

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| 5406 Center St.....       | Replace driveway, walkway                           |
| 35 Oxford St.....         | Repair, replace driveway                            |
| 3908 Oliver St.....       | Extend rear porch, repair walkway                   |
| 20 W. Lenox St.....       | Install a/c unit                                    |
| 26 Oxford St.....         | One-story garage, potting shed                      |
| 5514 Grove St.....        | Install chase on existing fireplace                 |
| 20 W. Kirke St.....       | Cover existing walkway with flagstone               |
| 20 Hesketh St.....        | Replace wood deck with stone patio                  |
| 6306 Broad Branch Rd..... | Replace rear deck                                   |
| 22 Primrose St.....       | Replace fence                                       |
| 6302 Broad Branch Rd..... | Replace walkway                                     |
| 140 Grafton St.....       | Install patio, walkway, plantings; replace gate     |
| 5511 Grove St.....        | Replace front walkway                               |
| 104 Newlands St.....      | Utility disconnects, asbestos removal               |
| 5624 Western Ave.....     | Install patio, repair rear steps, install ret. wall |
| 5507 Grove St.....        | Apply stone facing to existing porch                |
| 104 E. Lenox St.....      | Install fence                                       |
| 112 Summerfield Rd.....   | Install a/c unit                                    |
| 8 Quincy St.....          | Remodel master bathroom                             |
| 5514 Kirkside Dr.....     | Replace trash enclosure, front porch posts          |
| 3718 Bradley La.....      | Replace driveway                                    |

**Contact the Village office prior to beginning any work to verify permit requirements.**

**Permit verification requests can be submitted by email to [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov).**

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